

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1 and 12 and add Claims 13 and 14 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A discharging apparatus having a discharge head in which a plurality of discharge nozzles are arranged to discharge liquids supplied from supply ports through discharge ports, ~~and formed such that some of the plurality of discharge nozzles discharge liquids having different liquid compositions,~~ comprising:

joint members equal in number to a number of the discharge nozzles and being arranged to face ~~at~~ the discharge nozzles, wherein each joint member operates to cover either the supply port or discharge port when removing the liquid in a discharge nozzle; ~~and~~

a connecting member selectively connectable to each of said joint members;

and

~~a plurality of pumps for being selectively connected to said joint members through connecting members and~~ a pump for being connected to said connecting member and removing the liquid in each of the discharge nozzles by applying a pressure difference between the supply port and discharge port of each discharge nozzle facing one of said ~~connected joint member~~ members selectively connected to said connecting member. [[,]]

~~wherein different pumps are connected to said joint members which are arranged to face the discharge nozzles discharging liquids having different liquid compositions, and~~

~~wherein the liquids removed from the discharge nozzles through said joint members connected to the pumps are filtrated and deaerated, and liquid having the same liquid composition is accumulated together in a liquid collection container to be reused.~~

2.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the discharge head comprises electrothermal transducers which generate heat energy for liquid discharge.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the discharge head discharges the liquid from the discharge ports by utilizing film boiling caused by the heat energy applied by the electrothermal transducers.

8.-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the connecting ~~members are~~ member is detachable from said ~~pumps~~ pump.

13. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an assembly that holds said joint members such that adapter joints of said joint members, which are connected to said connecting member, are arranged on the same level.

14. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said connecting member is selectively connectable to any one of said joint members by moving said connecting member to the position of said one joint member.